A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday April 17, 2013 A.M., 8:30 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave. in Jamestown, RI.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

#### **Members Present:**

David A. Darlington, Chairman

Arthur H. Fletcher, Co-Vice Chairman

Stephen C. Waluk, Co-Vice Chairman

Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT

**Members Absent:** 

Deborah M. Brayton

**Invited Guests:** 

**Buddy Croft, Executive Director** 

Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO

Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering

Kathi O'Conner, Electronic Toll Collection Manager

JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant

William O'Gara, Legal Counsel

#### Item No. 2 - Public Comments

The Chairman gave the opportunity for public comments to be heard when Item No. 6, Setting of Toll Rate and Discount Plans was brought up. Paul Dwyer of Narragansett preferred to speak at this time. Mr. Dwyer indicated that there should be a comprehensive plan to maintain roads and bridges instead of tolls on some bridges.

Item No. 3

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannonne Lopes Devereaux & West LLC

**Professional Services for the month of March 2013** 

\$ 18,504.64

Item No. 5

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

**Professional Services for the month of February 2013** 

\$ 3,017.49

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### Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to approve proposed toll schedule for the Sakonnet River Bridge (attached) for the Authority. Implementation of the toll schedule reflected in Schedule A shall be effective July 1, 2013.

Larry Fitzmorris, President of Portsmouth Concerned Citizens, spoke on numerous issues opposing the toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge. Jean Rooney of Jamestown opposed the toll due to the effects on people with fixed incomes. State Representative Peter Martin of Newport asked if the discount will also pertain to the Newport/Pell Bridge. Board member Arthur H. Fletcher wanted it clear the MOU with RIDOT and RITBA provided for no state or federal funds.

#### Item No. 7

Motion by Arthur H. fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to approve Bridgefest request in the amount of \$2,500.00. Bridgefest has a positive impact on local communities and generates additional toll revenue for the Authority.

## Item No. 8

Motion by Arthur H. fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to approve a one year lease extension with Roger Williams University while the Authority explores its long-term options for future staging. The lease with Roger

Williams University will expire on July 31, 2013.

Item No. 9

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to award General Counsel Legal Contract 13-5 to Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC for a period of two (2) years, commencing on April 17, 2013, with two (2) one-year options.

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to award Audit Firm Contract 13-6 to the lowest qualifying bidder as approved by the Auditor General and the Department of Administration.

Item No. 11

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Lewis, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to award Technology and Advisory Services Contract 13-1 to Ocean State Services Corporation wh0 will provide the Authority with a more robust service with its ever evolving IT needs.

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Item No. 12

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, to renew WSB-SELLS On-Call Inspection Services for the Newport/Pell Bridge for a period of one (1) year.

Item No. 13

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution, Ammann & Whitney's Proposal for On-Call Engineering Services on the Mt. Hope Bridge at a cost not-to-exceed \$660,000.

Item No. 14

**Chairman's Report - Omitted** 

Item No. 15

**Executive Director's Report - Omitted** 

Item No. 16

**Finance Report - Omitted** 

Item No. 17

**Engineering Report - Omitted** 

Item No. 18

**Operations Report – Omitted** 

Item No. 19

**Electronic Toll Collection Manager Report – Omitted** 

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to go into executive session at 9:39 AM.

The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 10:05 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island's Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-26-5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) upon motion made by Arthur H. Fletcher and seconded by Michael P. Lewis. All Board members present voted aye.

Stephen C. Waluk was not present during the Executive Session.

At 10:21 a.m. a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes was made by Arthur H. Fletcher and seconded by Michael P. Lewis. At 10:22 a.m. a motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Arthur H. Fletcher and seconded by Michael P. Lewis. There were no RITBA Minutes April 17, 2013

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discussions on the motions. The motions passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 10:23 a.m.

# Buddy Croft Secretary